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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 0783

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR MU SA EG JO
SUBJECT: SULTAN QABOOS BEGINS TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND JORDAN

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1. SULTAN QABOOS LEFT MUSCAT MORNING MAY 14 TO BEGIN VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, AND JORDAN. APART FROM USUAL SPECULATION THAT SULTAN'S PURPOSE IN AT LEAST FIRST OF THESE STOPS IS TO PIN DOWN FINANCIAL AID, THE MOST GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG DIPLOMATS IN MUSCAT IS THAT OMAN-PDRY RELATIONS WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY THROUGHOUT TRIP. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY THAT "WE CAN EXPECT A DECLARATION IN RIYADH" ON THIS SUBJECT. OTHER SOURCES DOUBT THAT ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM BELIEVE THAT OMAN-PDRY RELATIONS WILL BE HIGH ON THE RIYADH AGENDA.

2. WHAT ROLE SUTAN'S VISITS TO EGYPT AND JORDAN MAY PLAY IN THIS IS NOT CLEAR. THESE STOPS ARE BEING SOMEWHAT DOWNPLAYED HERE IN RELATION TO THE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE VISIT TO AMMAN IS BILLED AS "PRIVATE", AND IN CASE OF CAIRO OBERVERS POINT TO A LONG-STANDING
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INVITATION FROM SADAT WHICH QABOOS IS NOW PICKING UP.

3. VISIT TO MUSCAT LAST WEEK OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC DELEGATION HEADED BY INTERIOR MINISTER ADDS FUEL TO SPECULATION THAT OMAN-PDRY RELATIONS ARE ENTERING NEW PHASE. WHILE NOBODY IS SAYING MUCH ABOUT WHAT THIS DELEGATION CAME FOR, IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT PDRY

WAS DISCUSSED, POSSIBLY IN CONTEXT OF LARGER ISSUES
SUCH AS REGIONAL SECURITY. ONLY SPECIFIC INFORMATION
WE HAVE ON THE RESULTS OF THE DELEGATION'S FOUR-DAY
STAY IS THAT AN "EXCHANGE" OF POLICE TRAINEES WILL OCCUR
BETWEEN OMAN AND YAR.
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